

JOHN H. FRALICK.

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JUNE 21, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. CARMACK, from the Committee on Claims, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 1622.]

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1622) entitled "An act for the relief of John H. Fralick," submit the following report:

In April, 1863, the claim of John H. Fralick, major of the Second New York Mounted Rifles, for pay from October 31, 1864, to January 28, 1865, was presented to the Second Auditor of the Treasury, and thereafter duly audited and allowed by him at \$458.02. On September 19, 1865, Paymaster Taylor issued his check for said amount on the assistant treasurer at New York to the order of said John H. Fralick; that said check was given to one Gordon, who had theretofore acted as the attorney of said Fralick in said matter, and was thereafter, upon the forged indorsement of said Fralick's name, paid by said assistant treasurer to said Gordon; that the fact of the allowance of said claim and the payment of said check was unknown to said Fralick for a long time thereafter; that when it became so known to him said Fralick made application for the payment of said amount to him. This application was rejected upon the ground that there was no fund from which this amount could be repaid, although the Department admitted the forgery.

As this man failed to get his just dues from the Government through no fault of his, and has been deprived of his money for over twenty-five years, the committee recommend that the bill pass.

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